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Organization of the First State Society.

The first meeting to consider the best means of promoting the farming interests of Maryland by the formation of a State agricultural society was called by the late Charles B. Calvert, Esq., of Prince George's county, in 1848. Previous to this date there were several county agricultural societies in the State, which were creditably sustained. The counties of Prince George's, St. Mary's, Montgomery, Talbot, Charles, and perhaps some others, had organized societies. But they did not attract the attendance of the people of the State at large or citizens from other States to the extent desired. The meeting called by Mr. Calvert was presided over by the late Judge Glenn, of this city, then the president of the Maryland Farmers' Club. The result of its proceedings was the formation of the Agricultural Society of Maryland.

The following is a list of the officers of the society, which exhibits the names of Marylanders thus early identified with agricultural progress in this State: Charles B. Calvert, of Prince George's county, president; vice-presidents, H. G. S. Key, John G. Chapman, Horace Capron, G. W. Weems, John N. Somerville, Charles Carroll of Howard, Allen Bowie Davis, David W. Naill, Wm. Dodge, Dr. Samuel P. Smith, George Patterson, Wilson M. Carey, Alexander Norris, Rev. James McIntyre, G. S. Holliday, James T. Earle, N. Goldsborough, T. R. Stewart, Dr. J. E. Muse, W. H Jones, J. Stevens; Joseph H. Bradley, D. C.; Delaware, Joseph C. Holcomb; Virginia, J. W. Ware; Pennsylvania, Aaron Clements. Corresponding secretary, George W. Dobbin; recording secretary, Samuel Sands; treasurer, James McNeal, Jr.; curators, W. W. W. Bowie, N. B. Worthington, J. Carroll Walsh, James C. Cox, Charles R. Howard, of Baltimore city, and Martin Goldsborough.

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